

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 609
By Davis

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Michael R. Williams for his meritorious service to the General Assembly and the state of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, although his tenure in the House of Representatives has been all too brief from the Ninety-Seventh through the Ninety-Ninth General Assemblies, our friend and colleague, Representative Michael R. Williams, has done an excellent job of making his presence felt; and

WHEREAS, capably representing House District 34, Mike has served with distinction as Republican Floor Leader during the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly and as Republican Caucus Treasurer during the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, he has also been an important member of the Agriculture Committee, the Conservation and Environment Committee and the American Legislative Exchange; and

WHEREAS, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Health and Physical Sciences from Lincoln Memorial University in 1985 and as a result of his exemplary record of success as a student was named to the prestigious *Who's Who Among Students in Colleges and Universities*; and

WHEREAS, an antique and restoration dealer, Mike is a highly regarded and successful businessman; and

WHEREAS, Mike is a prime example of the finest traditions of the Volunteer State, generously contributing his time and valuable expertise as a member of the Farm Bureau, the National Rifle Association, the National Arbor Day Foundation, the Jeep Registry Antique

Vehicle Preservation Society, the American Motors Organization Club, the Antique Automobile Club of America, the Clinton Car Club, the Studebaker Drivers Club of America, the American Motors World Car Club, the Senior Citizens Health Assistance Service, the East Tennessee Veterans Museum Board, the Claiborne County Historical Society, the Union County Historical Society, the Grainger County Historical Society, the East Tennessee Victims Rights R.I.D., the Tennessee State Employees Association and the Greater Knoxville Research Network; and

WHEREAS, he is a deeply religious person and devout member of the Hubbs Grove Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, a concerned person whose willingness to help those in need knows no bounds, he is highly regarded as a professional and friend; and

WHEREAS, on St. Valentine Day, 1996 Mike married the love of his life, Sheri, in the chamber of the state House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret that we learned of Mike's decision not to seek reelection to the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Mike Williams is the perfect example of a person totally committed to family values and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Representative Michael R. Williams for his meritorious service and unflagging commitment to public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.